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SNOWBOARDING BOOT TO A BASEPLATE  
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**DRAFT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses a set of marked-up claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please rewrite claim 97 as indicated below:

97. (Amended) An apparatus for engaging a snowboarding boot, the apparatus being securable to a first strap member and further being releasably connectable to a second strap member, the apparatus comprising:

a flexible strap member configured and arranged to be connected to the second strap member to adjust the relative positions of the flexible strap member and the second strap



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**MESSAGE:** Examiner Vanaman – Here is the draft response. Please let me know whether we can arrange a phone interview for Wednesday, February 5, at 2pm.

Regards, Neil Ferraro

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